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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response which expires on March 31, 2004, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

CONCLUSION

The foregoing amendment has been submitted to place the present application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims in this application is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions concerning this Amendment or the application in general; the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney so that prosecution may be expedited. If the foregoing amendment requires the payment of any additional fees, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2040 to NuVasive, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,
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